

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND
APPOINTMENT OF DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR LASER WELDING METAL SHEETS

the specification of which

(Check ☐ is attached hereto.
one) ☒ was filed on _____ as
Application Serial No _____
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, §§1.56 and 1.63(d).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications

Priority
Claimed

2308/98
(Number)

Switzerland
(Country)

November 18, 1998
(Month/Day/Year Filed)

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Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §§1.56 and 1.63(d) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application(s):

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing date)

(Status) (Patented,
pending, abandoned)

Power of Attorney

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APPOINTMENT OF DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE

The above-identified attorneys, also known as McCORMICK, PAULDING & HUBER, whose postal address is CityPlace II, 185 Asylum Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06103-4102, United States of America, are hereby designated applicant's representative upon whom notices or process in proceedings affecting the patent may be served. Said firm shall take instructions from my foreign patent agents in all matters affecting this application and the patent.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by

fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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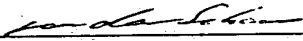
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ASSIGNMENT

THIS INSTRUMENT OF ASSIGNMENT WITNESSETH THAT:

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| WHEREAS, I/we, | Daniel Wildmann, | Hans Aebersold | and | Martin van der Schaar |
| residents of | Oberer Hüslweg 1 8166 Niederweningen Switzerland | Studenmättelstrasse 321 8903 Birmensdorf Switzerland | | Goldackerweg 8 8472 Seuzach Switzerland |

respectively, have invented improvements in

Method and device for laser welding metal sheets

for which I/we have executed on even date herewith an application for Letters Patent of the United States,
and

WHEREAS, ELPATRONIC AG

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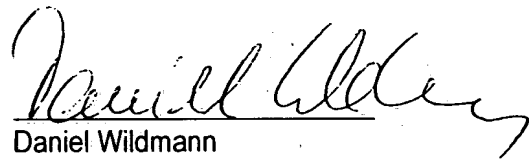
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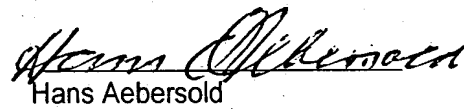
is desirous of acquiring an interest in said invention, said application and the Letters Patent to be issued therefor;

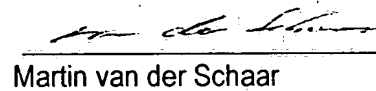
NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR to each in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I/we have sold, assigned and set over, and do hereby sell, assign and set over to said corporation, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest to and in said invention in the United States and in all foreign countries, said United States application for Letters Patent therefor and the Letters Patent when issued; and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to issue the Letters Patent based upon said application to said corporation as the assignees of my/our entire right, title and interest to and in the same, for the sole use and behoof of said corporation, its successors or assigns.

And I/we also hereby covenant and agree to sign all proper papers including divisional and other applications for patents and assignments thereof in the United States and application for patents and assignments in all foreign countries, and to execute all rightful oaths and to take any other proper action that may in the judgment of the said corporation be necessary for securing thereto full rights to said invention, all of the foregoing to be at the expense of said corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I/ we have hereunto set my/our hands and affixed my/our seal this
20th day of February 2001


Daniel Wildmann


Hans Aebersold


Martin van der Schaar